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HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS



BULLETIN

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TEAM FOR WV CHILDREN

The TFVC works to prevent child abuse through prevention, the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program, Child Assault Prevent Project (in the schools), and Healthy Families America. On October 15 Laurie McKeown, executive director of TFVC, will speak to League members and visitors about the programs of the organization. Invite a friend to attend with you.

We are appalled by all the different kinds of child abuse. Researchers at the U. of Pennsylvania recently released a study of child sexual exploitation in North America. The study concluded that the problem is far more widespread than has been previously documented. It estimated that in the United States 325,000 children a year were subjected to sexual exploitation, including prostitution, use in pornography and molestation. The study found that 47 percent of sexual assaults on children were committed by relatives; 49 percent by acquaintances, such as a teacher, a coach or a neighbor; and only 4 percent by strangers; about 11,500 were foreign-born children who came into the United States either legally or illegally. You may access the study at www.ssw.upenn.edu/

GRANNY D TO VISIT HUNTINGTON

On February 29, 2000, ninety-year-old Doris Haddock completed a fourteen-month walk from Los Angeles to the steps of the Capitol in Washington, D.C.- undertaken to draw attention to the need for national campaign finance reform. In those 3,200 miles, she met thousands of people who added their voices to hers. On the journey, Doris kept a diary tracking the progress of her walk, recalling events and the people she met.

Thanks to her friend, Ken Hechler, Granny D will be on the Marshall campus on October 18, 2001, at 3:00 in room 402 of the Drinko Library for a discussion, followed by a Q&A session. A signing of "Granny D: Walking Across America in My 90th Year" will be held in the Drinko 4th floor Atrium. Granny D will also appear at the Woodlands Retirement Community, at 7:00 p.m.

Dear League members and friends,

The recent terrorism events in New York and Washington left us saddened, angry, confused, and burdened. However, almost immediately people came forward to help, whether they worked at the scene, donated money and supplies, or gave comfort to the bereaved. The events and the memorial services heightened our awareness of how fortunate we have been to live in the United States in contrast to many countries where terrorism and extreme poverty are a way of life. We know that most of you participate in civic

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responsibilities. It is this involvement that has made our country a democracy where we solve our problems by working together even though we may disagree. We encourage your continued participation in elected and appointed governmental offices, volunteer work, issues, and elections.

WEST VIRGINIA AUTHOR

Mary Lee Settle will be the speaker for Friends of the Library, at noon on October 11, 2001. The event is free and open to the public; however those wishing lunch at the cost of \$10.00 should call the library at 528-5700 and make reservations.

CONGRATULATIONS Rebecca Melton!

Rebecca has been selected WV Tax Commissioner. (Rebecca and her husband Kevin Craig are members of the Huntington League.)

FINANCE DRIVE - Thanks to Virginia Hensley who sends fundraising letters to friends of the League requesting donations for our projects. If any of you would like to make a donation, please send the check to League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area, 706 Ridgewood Rd., 25701. If you wish for the donation to be tax deductible, make the check out to the League of Women Voters Education Fund.

ACTION - We have contacted our members of Congress on Campaign Finance Reform; the Patients Bill of Rights; strong efficiency standards for autos and air conditioners; and stronger standards for arsenic in our drinking water.

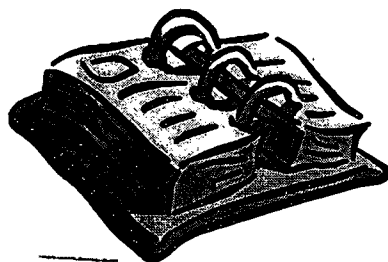
The LWV is a nonpartisan organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership in the League is open to women and men of voting age. Annual dues, not tax deductible, are \$35 individual, \$50 for two in one household and \$24 for students.

To join, send your check to: Ann Spear, Treasurer, 706 Ridgewood Road, Huntington, WV 25701

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CALENDAR



October 15, 7 pm. Enslow Park Presbyterian Church. League meeting. Team for West Virginia Children. Laurie McKeown, speaker.

October 22, 11:30 am. League Board meeting

October 27, 9-3:30. WV Women's Commission's annual Town Meeting. Lakeview Conference Center, Morgantown. For more information, 558-0070

November 19. League meeting. Wage tax concurrence

MAILING LISTS - Please let us know the names of persons who would like to receive a copy of our bulletin. If you would like to receive more information about action issues and events, send us your email address. You may send your friends' names and addresses and your email addresses to Helen Gibbins, 736-3287 or hgibbins@compaq.net.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER WANTS YOU!!

A public hearing on Smoke Free public spaces, esp. restaurants, will be held TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16 AT 7 P.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON FIFTH AVENUE. Omayma Touma, M.D., is presiding.

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